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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3456

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor and Industry Finance and Policy
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Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to labor; prohibiting restrictive employment covenants in certain service
1.3 contracts; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. 181.9881 RESTRICTIVE EMPLOYMENT COVENANTS; VOID IN
1.6 SERVICE CONTRACTS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) "Customer" means an individual, partnership, association,
1.8 corporation, business, trust, or group of persons hiring a service provider for services.

1.9 (b) "Employee," as used in this section, means any individual who performs services
1.10 for a service provider, including independent contractors. "Independent contractor" has the
1.11 meaning given in section 181.988, subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

1.12 (c) "Service provider" means any partnership, association, corporation, business, trust,
1.13 or group of persons acting directly or indirectly as an employer or manager for work
1.14 contracted or requested by a customer.

1.15 Subd. 2. Restrictive employment covenants; void and unenforceable. (a) No service
1.16 provider may restrict, restrain, or prohibit in any way a customer from directly or indirectly
1.17 soliciting or hiring an employee of a service provider.

1.18 (b) Any provision of an existing contract that violates paragraph (a) is void and
1.19 unenforceable.

1.20 (c) When a provision in an existing contract violates this section, the service provider
1.21 must provide notice to their employees of this section and the restrictive covenant in the
1.22 existing contract that violates this section.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024, and applies to contracts
- 2.2 and agreements entered into on or after that date.